

Mr. Ernest Hébert, born in Montréal (Québec), as Ambassador to the Hellenic Republic.

Mr. Hébert [B.A., Collège Mont Saint-Louis, 1959, B.A., Economics and Political Science, University of Montréal, 1965] joined the Department of External Affairs in 1965. He served abroad in the Congo, in New York and Saigon; in Brussels as Minister-Counsellor from 1978 to 1980; in Côte d'Ivoire, as Ambassador from 1980 to 1983; and in Paris as Director General of the Development Program, Agency for Cultural and Technical Cooperation, in 1984 and 1985. In Ottawa, he was with the Africa and Middle East Division in 1968 and 1969; Special Advisor to the Department of Justice from 1969 to 1971; Director, Western European Relations, from 1975 to 1978; Director General, Africa Relations and Coordinator, Paris Francophone Summit, in 1985 and 1986; and Deputy Chairman of the Quebec City Summit Steering Committee in 1986 and 1987. He has been the Privy Council Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet (Foreign and Defence Policy) since 1987. He is married to Ellis Thomson; the couple have three children. Mr. Hébert replaces Mr. A. Couvrette.

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Mr. Philippe Kirsch Q.C., born in Namur (Belgium), as Deputy Permanent Representative and Ambassador to the Permanent Mission of Canada to the United Nations in New York.

Mr. Kirsch [B.A., Collège Stanislas, 1966; LL.L. Université de Montréal, 1969; member of the Québec Bar, 1970; LL.M. Université de Montréal, 1972; Académie de Droit International, The Hague, 1979] joined the Department of External Affairs in 1972 and has served abroad in Lima and at the Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York. In Ottawa, he was Deputy Director, Economic Law and Treaty Division from 1981 to 1983 and Director, Legal Operations Division from 1983 to 1988. In the 1985-1986 period, he was Ambassador and Agent in the "La Bretagne" Arbitration Case. He has been Deputy Permanent Representative and Minister at the Permanent Mission of Canada to the United Nations since 1988. He is married to Nicole Geoffroy and they have two children. Mr. Kirsch replaces Mr. P.E. Laberge.

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